

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE**

**DOCKET NOS. 2020-125-E ORDER NO. 2021-93-H**

**JULY 2, 2021**

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER: David Butler**

**DOCKET DESCRIPTIONS:**

**Application of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated for Adjustment of Rates and Charges (\*This filing includes a request for an increase to retail electric rates) (See Commission Order No. 2020-313)**

**MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

**Motion on Procedure to be Followed in Further Dominion Rate Case Proceedings**

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:**

**The Parties move that at the outset of the merits hearing scheduled to begin on July 12, 2021, the Commission allow the Parties to present the settlement agreement, and introduce testimony and evidence in support of the comprehensive settlement agreement in this matter. The parties also ask for a "live option" with a panel option. That is, the parties wish to be allowed to present some of the testimony through live witnesses and panels, while retaining the right to present some witnesses virtually. The parties further ask for a July 7, 2021 deadline in order to provide information to the Commission as to what settlement witnesses will be live, with or without a panel, and what settlement witnesses would be presented virtually. This portion of the parties' motion is granted.**

**The parties also assert that, after presenting such testimony and evidence in support of the comprehensive settlement agreement, if the Commission desires to hear from any witness who has not yet testified but pre-filed testimony prior to the date of the comprehensive settlement agreement, then the Parties move that the Commission identify those witnesses and allow the Parties to present them for Commission examination on July 14, 2021. This portion of the parties' motion is granted in part and denied in part. The parties may present the testimony of those witnesses who have not yet testified, but have pre-filed testimony in this case prior to the date of the comprehensive settlement agreement beginning on July 14, 2021. However, the portion of the Motion that would have the Commission designate the particular witnesses to testify is denied. All remaining 23 witnesses who have pre-filed testimony prior to the settlement must present their testimony in the normal manner, in the order designated at the beginning of the proceedings, beginning on July 14, 2021. The remaining Dominion witnesses shall be called first, followed by the Intervenor witnesses, and the witnesses of the Office of Regulatory Staff. The witnesses shall present both direct testimony and either rebuttal or surrebuttal testimony, if applicable, and exhibits together. The witnesses will be subject to questions**

from the Commissioners. Redirect is available to clarify matters raised by the Commissioners. The parties are also granted the “live option” for this portion of the hearing, both with or without panels, and the parties will retain the “virtual” option. However, the parties will designate by the close of Commission business on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, which option they will exercise to present their witnesses. The parties may file separate virtual media plans if necessary, one for the July 12, 2021 portion of the hearing, and one for the portion of the hearing beginning on July 14, 2021.

This completes the Chief Hearing Officer’s Directive.